



The Raven

The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Woden Inc.

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 p.m. Wednesdays, Canberra Irish Club 6 Parkinson St Weston ACT.

ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN INC.



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The Club's crest & bulletin name reflect 'Odin' (Anglo-Saxon 'Woden'), the ancient Nordic God of Wisdom. Odin had two ravens called Hugin and Munin (Thought and Memory) who flew forth every day and returned at night to tell him what they had seen, so contributing to his wisdom.

Your power to get new members

We need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward. But those hands, hearts, and minds won't magically appear in our Club. We have to ask them to join.

An invitation to Rotary is something that only you can give. An invitation is a gift. It's saying to someone, 'I think you have the skills, the talent, and the character to make our community better, and I want you to join me in doing that'.

The most powerful membership resource we have is our current membership – that's you. It's easy and the good news is that we all can do this. You can do it. We can not leave it to some other Rotarian and not to any membership expert in the District or elsewhere.

Please take that simple step and ask somebody else to join, you're ensuring the growth of our Club and your own succession.

ATTENDANCE

Guests if attending, and **Members** if attendance or absence is different to previous advice, then:

please advise the Attendance Officer (to help us with catering arrangements)

Val Burns 0412 720 956
johnvalburns@gmail.com
or you will be charged for the meal provided for you.

Attendance at last week's meeting:

Members: 10
Visitors: 3 – Rotarian Mal Ferguson (Weston Creek) and Marie Andersson with her daughter

Community Service Award

Marie Andersson who, amongst other things, runs the successful *Here's the Coffee* operation was given a Community Service Award by the Club.

President John presented Marie with the Award and certificate at last week's meeting for her help in keeping fully caffeinated our club members, volunteers and participants at the Rotary Five Peaks Challenge and for her work in sponsoring many youth sporting activities. In particular, she supports Empower Rugby, a program giving girls aged 10-18 the opportunity to be involved in Rugby for the first time.

Here's the Coffee is an event catering service supplying 'delicious organic coffee, served fast with a friendly smile in biodegradable cups'. The used coffee grounds are recycled into compost. All in all an eco-friendly operation.

Marie initially started in the mobile coffee cart game in 2012 by helping out a couple who had two machines. After heading out on her own, her skill, enthusiasm and community spirit has seen the business grow to a point where she now has ten machines and eighteen staff serving coffee at a large number of community and sporting events around Canberra. Marie makes a point of including students with special needs among her staff. They are loyal and reliable and learn valuable skills.

Marie said she should be able to offer our exchange student Fabian some work if he is interested and available. Debbie will follow up on that kind offer.

Here's the Coffee will be at our Arboretum BBQ next month and our Six Peaks Challenge in April next year.

For more information on *Here's the Coffee* or to contact Marie to make a booking see www.heresthecoffee.com.au.



President John giving a Community Service Award certificate to Marie Andersson of *Here's the Coffee*

Tonight
31 August 2016

Chris Edwards
from the
Australia Rotary Health



www.arhrf.org.au

DINNER ROSTER

Program: THIS WEEK - 31 August
Chris Edwards
Australia Rotary Health

Greeting: Viola Kalokerinos

Introduction: Debbie Whitfield

Appreciation: Des Henderson-Kelly

Raven Recorder: Deborah Schultz

Birthdays: None this fortnight

Anniversaries: None this fortnight

NEXT WEEK - 7 September

To be advised
Jeff is working on it

Deborah Schultz
Viola Kalokerinos
John Widdup
Lynette Svanosio

August – Rotary membership month

Things you should know and do – dates for your diary

- ◆ **Thursday 29 September – BBQ at the Arboretum**
- ◆ **Wednesday 5 October - Hat Day Meeting** for Australian Rotary Health
- ◆ **Weekend 28 to 30 October – District 9710 Conference** to be held in Goulburn
- ◆ **Tuesday 1 November – Melbourne Cup** race course parking (all hands on deck)
- ◆ **Wednesday 23 November – Annual General Meeting**
- ◆ **Sunday 30 April 2017 – Six Peaks Challenge** bike ride
- ◆ **10-14 June 2017 – Rotary International Convention**, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Last week 24 August Raven recorder: Jeff Ibbotson

Opening: Stand-in Sergeant Stephen opened our meeting (with no toasts) and asked us to welcome President John.

Business: President John welcomed visiting Weston Creek Rotarian Mal Ferguson and Rotary Rides coffee supremo Marie Andersson and her daughter.

John informed members that he will be away for a month from 12 October; so the next Board meeting will be in December. If there are issues for the Board to deal with, please raise them by email to wodenrotary@gmail.com. John reminded members that key club documentation relating to matters such as membership, program and projects, is kept on Dropbox which is very convenient for members who need access to the documents.

Debbie reported that our exchange student Fabian is settling into a diverse program at Canberra College. This week he's off skiing with the College's 'outdoor education' program. He and Debbie attended a camp for in-bound and out-bound exchange students at Tathra where students learnt the ins and outs of what is expected of an exchange student. An outback safari has been organised for the in-bound students early next year. It is an optional activity as the cost for a student is \$3000. Debbie raised suggestions about assisting Fabian to enable him to go (all the other in-bonders are going). Members are asked to contact Debbie if they have jobs that Fabian might do, such as gardening, to help him raise funds for the trip.

Debbie also reported that Louise Ibbotson is in hospital. Members send their best wishes to Louise for a speedy recovery.

Community Service Award: President John presented Marie Andersson of *Here's the Coffee* with the Club's Community Service Award (see page 1).

Sergeant session: In lieu of the usual Sergeant session, Acting Sergeant Stephen asked people for their happy fines, which included Jeff who was happy to be back at Rotary after weeks away. There were many interesting fines and John Widdup happily celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary.

School Volunteer Program: Weston Creek Rotarian Mal Ferguson spoke briefly about his involvement in the School Volunteer Program ACT. The SVPACT is a registered voluntary organisation that recognises the unique place of volunteers in schools as mentors, confidantes and communicators. Volunteers provide one-to-one time as a role model with primary and secondary students in activities such as literacy (reading, writing, grammar, etc), numeracy (maths and games), building with Meccano, woodcraft or Lego, craft and cooking. Through the hourly visits each week, volunteers seek to assist students obtain maximum value from the education process, add value and purpose to the lives of all and enhance community involvement in our schools. Volunteers bring to the student and school their dedication, inspiration and time and, under guidance of teachers, support the students learning in the classroom. A member of the Weston Club introduced the program to Canberra after hearing

about it in Western Australia.

Mal is currently volunteering at Torrens Public School for an hour a week where his student builds with Meccano. If members or friends have any old neglected Meccano gathering dust, Mal would welcome whatever pieces you can bear to part with.

More info on the program is at <http://svpact.org.au>. If you can help SVPACT with donations or as a volunteer, please contact Jeff Ibbotson.

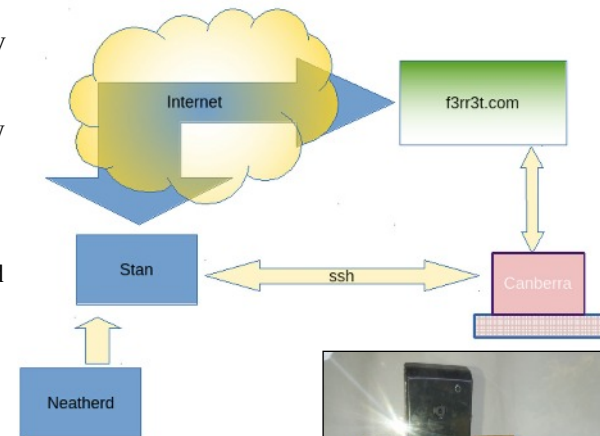
Guest speaker: Val introduced our speaker, member Stephen Pratt whose intriguing topic was 'Tele-porting photos of the farm to the Internet.'

Stephen showed us his tiny 'computer in a pocket', a Roseberry Pi mini-computer developed in the UK in 2012. It sits in the palm of your hand and looks a bit like a few spare parts cobbled together from Jaycar or an original Dick Smith shop. Stephen has trained this little fella, affectionately known as Stan (after Stephen's imaginary standard poodle), to ask another of his mini-computer creations, Neatherd (old English for cowherd or one who looks after the cattle), to take pictures of the fields on Stephen's farm near Casino. Perched on the farm's 'homestead' bedroom window sill, Neatherd (see image right) has been trained to take a picture every thirty minutes (of the pastures and sometimes the cattle grazing thereon). Stephen has trained Stan to ask Nethered for the pictures and then to discard those taken at night and make the others pop up on Stephen's computer screen (in Canberra). The bucolic scenes Nethered has captured, and which Stephen showed us, included a misty morning where Nethered couldn't see beyond the veranda; dairy cows (or were they chickens? asked a member) happily munching Stephen's grass; and progressive shots of Stephen's neighbour mowing the said grass. (Yes, your faithful Raven recorder has not been imbibing mind-bending substances. This is an accurate rendition – truth is stranger than fiction report.)

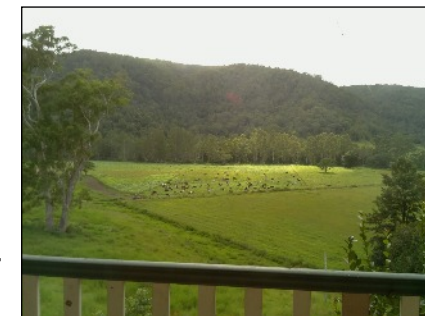
All that was being done with a very cheap computer (about \$30) and free software modified by Stephen. This was an example of the 'Internet of things' that is beginning to affect us all.

After a lively discussion session and most members present picking themselves up off the floor after rolling around in a combination of laughter in disbelief, President John thanked Stephen for his truly entertaining presentation and gave him a Club glass coaster in thanks.

Closure: President John thanked everyone for attending and asked us all to serve humanity.



'Neatherd'



Cattle (not chickens) on grass – look carefully – as recorded by Neatherd